GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NEGLECT OF TOURISM INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, "Karoro ke Kamai ke bawjood paryatan Udhyog Sarkari Upeksha Ka Shikar" appearing in the "Rastriya Sahara" on July 5, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE: (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a), (b) and (c): The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the year 2000 is Rs.14475 crores. The Department of Tourism, Government. Of India, encourages the tourism industry in promoting tourism in the country. Various measures taken to develop tourism includes incentives to Hotel industry by way of interest subsidy, fiscal incentives, deduction in income tax, reduction in import duty etc., manpower development, promotion and marketing, investment facilitation, financial assistance for infrastructure and product development and use of information technology, etc. "Tourism" as a subject is neither in the Union List nor in the State List of the 7th Schedule of the Constitution of India. Suggestions/views of the State Govts/U.T. Administrations and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments have been called for on a proposal to bring tourism in the Concurrent List.